

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  
**Office of the Chief Financial Officer**

**Natwar M. Gandhi**  
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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** The Honorable Linda W. Cropp  
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

**FROM:** Natwar M. Gandhi  
Chief Financial Officer

**DATE:** December 2, 2002

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Impact Statement: "Medicaid State Plan Amendment for Section 1915(b) Capitated Waiver Program"

**REFERENCE:** Draft Legislation – Bill Number Not Available

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**Conclusion**

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2003 through FY 2006 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed legislation because no additional staff or resources will be required. The program is currently funded in the FY 2003 budget and the financial plan for FY 2003 through FY 2006.

**Background**

The proposed legislation would amend the District's Section 1915(b) capitated waiver program to:

- Expand the managed care benefit package to include mental health services and inpatient drug and alcohol services;
- Request an enrollment lock-in to ensure continuity of care;
- Begin implementing the Quality Improvement System for managed care;
- Strengthen enrollee rights requirements;
- Remove opt-out for women 26 or more weeks pregnant; and
- Include an initial payment and capitated rate for newborns and mothers.

### **Financial Plan Impact**

The proposed legislation would not require additional staff or resources, so funds are sufficient in the FY 2003 budget and FY 2003 through FY 2007 financial plan to implement it. The Medical Assistance Administration is already providing services to this waiver population and the funds are reflected in the Medicaid budget.